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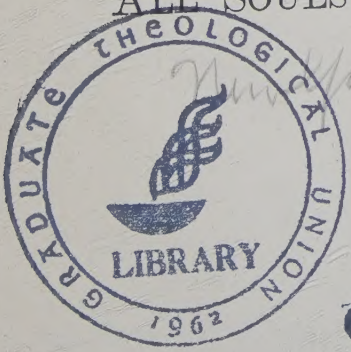

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SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALMS.

SELECTION FIRST.

Psalm 5.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord;

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:

Neither shall evil dwell with thee.

As for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:

And in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness;

Make thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous;

With favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm 16.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: I have no happiness but in thee;

The holy that are in the earth, and the excellent, in them is all my delight.

The Lord is my portion and my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my heart also admonishes me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: my flesh also rests in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave;

Neither wilt thou suffer thy beloved one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;

At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of false lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes see what is right.

Prove my heart; visit me in the night; try me, my thoughts shall not vary from my speech.

Hold up my steps in thy paths, that my feet slip not.

I call upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my words.

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand those who put their trust in thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness:

I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness.

SELECTION SECOND.

Psalm 18.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of destruction made me afraid.

The sorrows of the grave compassed me about; the snares of death overtook me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God:

He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

He brought me forth into a large place: he delivered me, because he loved me.

To the merciful thou showest thyself merciful; to an upright man thou showest thyself upright;

To the pure thou showest thyself pure; and to the wrathful thou showest thyself wrathful.

The ways of God are just and true, his word is pure, tried in the fire:

He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way plain.

Psalm 27.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:

In the secret place of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help;

Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

SELECTION THIRD.

Psalm 36.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains;

Thy judgments are a great deep.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house;

And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life:

In thy light shall we see light.

Oh, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee;

And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, and their voice is not heard.

Yet their sound is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it:

And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned;

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

SELECTION FOURTH.

Psalm 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 34.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The poor man cries, and the Lord hears him, and saves him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

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The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

SELECTION FIFTH.

Psalm 24.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not inclined his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 25.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.

Let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee do I trust all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

Lighten the sorrows of my heart: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

SELECTION SIXTH.

Psalm 30.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the tomb.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment, but his favor for life;

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.

Psalm 31.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

O, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou showest to them that trust in thee.

Thou hidest them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shelterest them in thy pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayst be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

SELECTION SEVENTH.

Psalm 33.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the deep in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to naught; he maketh the devices of the kingdoms of none effect.

The counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth the hearts of all; he observeth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth on the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in him; we trust in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

SELECTION EIGHTH.

Psalm 40.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:

Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and resorteth not to men of pride and falsehood.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done; many are thy gracious thoughts toward us;

If we would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; so hast thou taught me.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:

Lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I had declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:

I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord:

Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;

They are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me:

Thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 42.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me:

For I had gone with the multitude, I went with

them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: For I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

SELECTION NINTH.

Psalm 1.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 15.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, and uttereth no reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never fall.

Psalm 37.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious of those who work iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

For the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee:

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them, and save them, because they trust in him.

SELECTION TENTH.

Psalm 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make

gald the city of God, the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still, and know that I am God: I am exalted among the heathen, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

We remember thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

As thy name, O God, so extends thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.

For this God is our God for ever and ever:

He will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm 50.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, speaks, and calls the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

He calls to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will admonish thee: I am God, even thy God.

I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

SELECTION ELEVENTH.

Psalm 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness:

According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and upright when thou judgest.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: teach me, therefore, wisdom in my inmost soul.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 55.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; hide not thyself from my supplication.

My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Yet will I call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:

He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee:

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me: God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

SELECTION TWELFTH.

Psalm 61.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth I cry unto thee, for my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou art my shelter, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, wilt hear my vows, and give me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Psalm 62.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 63.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my heart longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Psalm 66.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; it shall celebrate thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is wonderful in his doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

SELECTION THIRTEENTH.

Psalm 65.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

My iniquities are heavy upon me; but thou wilt forgive our transgressions.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

O, satisfy us with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By wonderful things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation;

Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Who in thy strength makest fast the mountains, being girded with power:

Who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are awed by thy wonders:

Thou makest the regions of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water:

Thou preparest corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof:

Thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn:

They shout for joy; they also sing.

Psalm 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O, let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

SELECTION FOURTEENTH.

Psalm 69.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

I will offer my prayer unto thee, O Lord: O God, in the greatness of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Deliver me, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the grave shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me from all mine enemies.

For I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Psalm 70.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward that desire my hurt.

But let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no delay.

Psalm 71.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; my praise shall be continually of thee.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

For I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for thy mercies are more than I can number.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to those that are to come.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.

SELECTION FIFTEENTH.

Psalm 84.

HOW lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts

of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Even the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, by thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they are still praising thee.

Blessed are they whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a well, and the early rain covers it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength, till all of them in Zion appear before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm 86.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord;

Neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou are great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart:

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine hand-maid.

SELECTION SIXTEENTH.

Psalm 85.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his servants: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm 89.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I know that thy mercy endureth for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish like the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord:

Thy truth also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea:

When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of thy throne:

Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favor our heads shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence;

And the Holy One of Israel is our King.

SELECTION SEVENTEENTH.

Psalm 39.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain:

He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I am dumb, I open not my mouth; because thou hast done it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I perish by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou consumest his beauty like a moth:

Surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm 90.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep;

They are like grass which groweth up in the morning.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return to us, O Lord, and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O, satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us:

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

SELECTION EIGHTEENTH.

Psalm 91.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord thy refuge, and the Most High thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the

young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

To show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

SELECTION NINETEENTH.

Psalm 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O, come, let us worship and bow down:

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;

And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 96.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:

He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

SELECTION TWENTIETH.

Psalm 97.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

His lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees, and trembles.

The hills melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 98.

O, SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things:

His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation:

His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:

Make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the voice of a psalm, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands:

Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth:

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

SELECTION TWENTY-FIRST.

Psalm 100.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 103.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

SELECTION TWENTY-SECOND.

Psalm 104.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

He covereth himself with light as with a garment; he spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain:

He layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: he maketh the clouds his chariot: he walketh upon the wings of the wind:

He maketh the winds his angels; flames of fire his ministers.

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

The mountains rise up; the valleys sink away, in the places which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set a bound that the waters may not pass; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

Near them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

Thou waterest the hills from thy chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth:

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;

He appointeth the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth when to go down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee, to give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them, they gather; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

SELECTION TWENTY-THIRD.

Psalm 107.

O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he satisfieth the thirsty soul, and filleth the hungry soul with good.

He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

SELECTION TWENTY-FOURTH.

Psalm 105.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

When our fathers were but a few in number; yea, very few, and strangers in the land.

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

He spread a cloud for a covering: and fire to give light in the night.

The people asked, and he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

And he brought them forth with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

And gave them the lands of the nations, and they inherited the labor of the people;

That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.

Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 111.

I WILL praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious:

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments:

His praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 112.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that . feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever;

He shall be exalted with honor.

SELECTION TWENTY-FIFTH.

Psalm 118.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous:

The right hand of the Lord doeth wonderfully.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

SELECTION TWENTY-SIXTH.

Psalm 119.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his commandments, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O, forsake me not utterly.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O, let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou hast heard me: teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

SELECTION TWENTY-SEVENTH.

Psalm 113.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth?

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the ground;

That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

Psalm 116.

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of the grave seized upon me; I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon tne name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

SELECTION TWENTY-EIGHTH.

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, after the custom of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

Psalms 123, 125.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even for ever.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in heart.

SELECTION TWENTY-NINTH.

Psalm 138.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth.

In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:

The Lord will be sufficient for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the work of thine own hands.

Psalm 139.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unformed; and in thy book all my members were written;

My days were appointed when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

SELECTION THIRTIETH.

Psalm 145.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 147.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

SELECTION THIRTY-FIRST.

Psalm 44.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what deeds thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

How thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them;

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

Psalm 78.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my speech: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established statutes, and appointed a law, which he commanded our fathers to make known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should declare them to their children:

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Psalm 80.

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out nations and planted it.

Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its branches unto the river.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine.

And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

SELECTION THIRTY-SECOND.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: For the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts;

And I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Bring no more vain oblations: incense is an abomination unto me;

The new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil:

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be

as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which he hath made for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

SELECTION THIRTY-THIRD.

O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord is everlasting strength:

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night;

yea, with my spirit within me will I seek the early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants, the prophets.

SELECTION THIRTY-FOURTH.

COME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.

O Lord of hosts, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all our words.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, and thou wilt take away the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

Thou wilt swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with you: And this shall be the covenant that I will make with you;

I will put my law in your inward parts, and write it in your hearts; and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

And you shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:

For you shall all know me, from the least of you unto the greatest of you, saith the Lord: for I will forgive your iniquity, and I will remember your sin no more.

SELECTION THIRTY-FIFTH.

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and let him that hath no money come, buy and eat;

Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and

your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him, saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death.

SELECTION THIRTY-SIXTH.

AWAKE, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory.

Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not:

Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear;

But our iniquities have separated between us and our God, and our sins have hid his face from us, that he will not hear.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us:

But now, O Lord, thou art our Father, we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever: behold, we are all thy people.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord,

and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

For all those things hath my hand made, but to him will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head:

They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

SELECTION THIRTY-SEVENTH.

COME ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord;

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

He shall judge among the nations, and govern

the people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.

Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O my people, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord;

Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

And the work of righteousnes shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet restingplaces.

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Moreover, the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days.

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth into the mountain of the Lord to the Mighty One of Israel.

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you:

For the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

SELECTION THIRTY-EIGHTH.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;

And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon:

They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SELECTION THIRTY-NINTH.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, when the breath of the Lord bloweth over it.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, the isles are like flying stubble.

All nations before him are as nothing: and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,

and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers: that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host in order:

He calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, because he is strong in power:

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? his understanding is unsearchable.

He giveth power to the faint; and to the feeble abundant strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Prayers.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer of Faith.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

A Prayer that We may be Ready.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest. Amen.

A Prayer for Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy name, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for Deliverance.

GREAT Author of our being, who knowest all our wants, and who alone art able to supply them; who perceivest all the dangers to which we are exposed, and who alone canst defend us; whither shall we go but unto thee? O, compassionate our weakness, guard us in peril, direct us in doubt, and save us from falling into sin; and in every assault of our enemies, be thou, O Lord, our strength and shield. Amen.

A Prayer for Spiritual Strength.

O HOLY and Merciful Father, we sorrowfully confess unto thee the transgressions which we have committed, whether with knowledge, or in ignorance, in thought, word, or deed. From vain imaginings, from error and self-delusion, from evil thoughts, from consenting to sin, from all false pride and false shame, Deliver us by the power of thy Holy Spirit: that casting off the bondage of self-will, we may serve thee in perfect freedom. Aid us earnestly to desire and to seek after the blessings for which we pray. Change our heaviness into joy; our dreaming into faith and zeal. Establish our trembling hope, and graciously strengthen and comfort us, as members of thy one great family in earth and in heaven. Amen.

A General Confession.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

A Prayer against Temptation.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

A Prayer for a Right Spirit.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto thy people that they may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. Amen.

A Prayer for Light.

FATHER of all mercy and truth, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth in darkness unto them that turn to thee; Grant us in all doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices; that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may never stumble. Amen.

A Prayer for Zeal and Patience.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, toward whose everlasting blessedness we ascend by the strong desire of the soul, and by patient continuance in well-doing, cause us ever by thine inspira-

tion to seek our true life with thee, and zealously to strive for the coming of thy heavenly kingdom. May our hearts be steadfastly set on the things that are holy, just, and true; that so surrounded by the things that pass away, we may cleave to those that abide; after the example of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate, and that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their suffering, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we humbly ask as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Grace.

HEAVENLY Father, we pray that thou wilt bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; that thou wilt strengthen such as do stand, wilt comfort and help the weak-hearted, and raise up those who fall; that thou wilt forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word, as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and also that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving.

O GOD, the Giver of good, whose name is Love, we heartily thank thee for thy unnumbered benefits to us and all thy children: For the glory of the heavens, and the beauty of land and sea; for all the powers of the elements; the mysteries of life and joy; for seed-time and harvest, and the teeming earth; for the light of

day, and for eyes to behold it; for the silence of night, the sleep of weary eyes, and thy Providence around us—we thank thee, Heavenly Father. And we thank thee more than all, for the charities and affections in which we live; for friends and kindred; for the means of doing good; for thy redeeming truth; for the coming of thy Son Jesus Christ; for the glorious examples of the saints, the words of the wise, and the sure unfolding of thy Kingdom; and we beseech thee to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that we may praise and serve thee all our days, and enter at last into the inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Christian Joy.

O WISE and loving Father, who dwellest in light unsearchable, yet art not far from any one of us; Grant once more thy grace and blessings in our lives. Day after day thy love sustains us, and unto our presumptuous and barren hearts thy sunshine and rain are given. Let thy faithfulness ever more be the help and light of our inconstant minds. Receive us, we beseech thee, into the goodly fellowship of all pure hearts that cry to thee. Grant us to praise thy goodness in all thy works, and to love thy spiritual image in the hearts of thy children; that so we may grow from strength to strength in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Things Eternal.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou, being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal, but be approved in all things the followers of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Greater Love.

O GOD, who has prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire: and this we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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